

REMARKS

Claim 2 is currently pending in the subject application. In this amendment, Applicant has cancelled original claim 1 and provided new claim 2.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,251,319 to Celi. The Applicant traverses this rejection for at least the reasons set forth below.

The Applicant has provided a new independent claim 2 that more concisely recites the inventive features of the present invention. Specifically, claim 2 requires that speech be received by the terminal and transmitted to the gateway where it is converted to a request in machine readable form. The requests in machine readable form are transmitted to the field-equipment specific software program which controls an actuator in response to the requests. Celi does not disclose field-equipment specific software programs which control actuators in industrial environments. Celi is directed toward a system for conferencing additional callers into a voice browsing session. (Col. 2, Ln 39-42). Thus, it is believed that the present invention as now claimed in new claim 2 is distinguished from the teachings of Celi.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 050877.

Respectfully submitted,

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